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℣/ The following names have been recently added to the membership list of the A.A.H.D.:

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EARLY MEXICAN DENTISTRY

℣/ "Zahnarztliche Tätigkeit im kolonialen Mexiko" (Dentistry in Colonial Mexico) is contributed by Ernesto Cohn to Zahnärztliche Mitteilungen 45:640-641, October 1, 1957. This article is a sequel to one entitled "Die Zahnheilkunde im prekortesianischen Mexiko" (Dentistry in Mexico before Cortez), which appeared in Zahnärztliche Mitteilungen 44:313-315. The present article calls attention to some of the earliest Mexican literature bearing on dental diseases and treatment. The Badianus Manuscript, an herbal translated into English by Emily Walcott Emmart (1940) was prepared by a native Mexican, Martin de la Cruz in 1552. This work and various others mentioned in the article are dealt with in Samuel Fastlicht's Bibliografia Odontologica Mexicana (1954) which was noted in the Bulletin August 1954.

EARLY HISTORY OF THE TREATMENT OF TOOTHACHE

℣/ Under the title of "Ein Beitrag zur geschichtlichen Entwicklung der Zahnschmerzbehandlung", Gerhard Kaletka and Fritz Müller (Zahnärztliche Mitteilungen 45:604-606, Sept. 15, 1957) discuss dental treatment with special reference to toothache, carrying the account down to the early eighteenth century. These authors repeat the frequent error of identifying barbers and dentists in the seventeenth century and of supposing that the French edict of 1699 required that all dentists in France should be surgeons. In France, dentists had a distinct status as "operators for the teeth" or "experts for the teeth" from the latter sixteenth century at least. The dentist was a specialist subordinate to the surgeon. There is no evidence that the title "Chirurgien dentiste" had a legal standing.

A.A.H.D. PAPERS AT SAN FRANCISCO 1955

E/ The Journal of the American College of Dentists for September 1957 publishes the addresses given on the program of the A.A.H.D. October 14, 1955. These are as follows: William N. Hodgkin, "President's Address"; George B. Denton, "The Significance of the Fauchard Manuscript;" Arthur H. Merritt, "Thomas William Parsons, Jr"; E. S. Khalifah, "Our Recorded and Unrecorded History"; and Curt Proskauer, "The Research Institute of the History of Dentistry of Berlin." The address by Dr. John B. de C. M. Saunders, "California's Fantastic Medical Profession", was published in The Westerner's Brand Book.

EARLY HISTORY OF TRIGEMINAL NEURALGIA

E/ In an article entitled "Symposium on Trigeminal Neuralgia" (Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences, 12:21-36, January, 1957), Kenneth Dewhurst presents some opinions by distinguished scientific and medical men of the latter seventeenth century on the etiology and treatment of trigeminal neuralgia. Correspondence by John Locke and Thomas Sydenham is included along with letters of other well-known physicians of that time.

THE LIFE AND WORK OF GEORGE SARTON

E/ The current number of Isis (Sept. 1957) is devoted to the memory of George Sarton, distinguished professor of the history of science. Especially valuable is the biographical article by I. Bernard Cohen and the extensive bibliography of Sarton's publications by Katherine Strelsky.

HISTORICAL MUSEUM EXHIBITS

E/ In Rome, the editor visited the excellent historical exhibit consisting of specimens, books, and pictures occupying a large hall at the International Dental Congress. The editor also visited the headquarters of the British Dental Association while he was in London, and examined the interesting historical museum of that organization.

DENTISTRY IN SCOTLAND

E/ J. Menzies Campbell has contributed "A Brief History of Scotland until 1951" to Dental Magazine and Oral Topics 74:81-91, 158-162, June, Sept. 1957.

VICTOR HUGO JACKSON

E/ The subject of Orthodontic Profiles in American Journal of Orthodontics for September (43:688-695 by Walter Coolidge Chapin) is Victor Hugo Jackson.

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